OWASP TOP 10 - 2021

ASSIGNMENT REPORT



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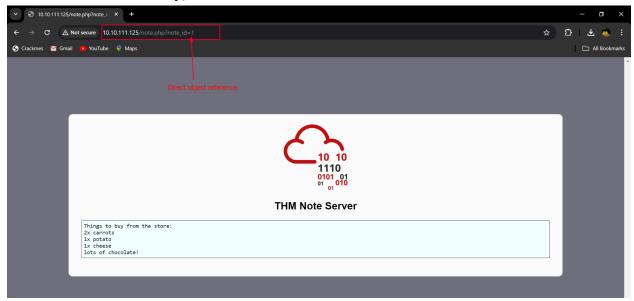
1. INTRODUCTION

The room breaks down the top 10 most critical vulnerabilities, as per the OWASP Top 10 project, how they occur and how to exploit each one.

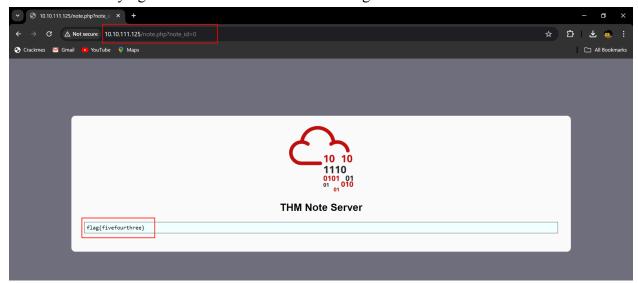
2. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

1. BROKEN ACCESS CONTROL

- a. Look at other users' notes. What is the flag?
 - Log in to the THM Notes server using the credentials given.
 - We immediately identify a direct object reference from the URL(IDOR vulnerability)



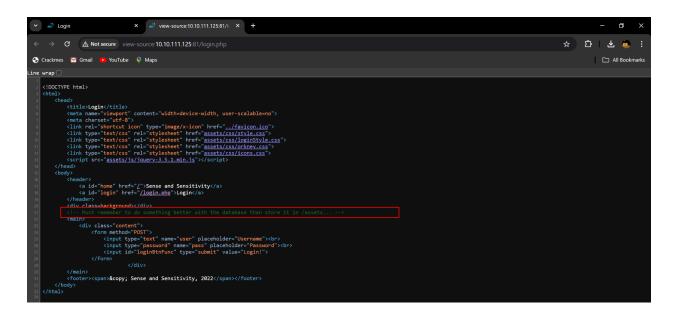
• Trying other ID values to retrieve the flag.



2. CRYPTOGRAPHIC FAILURES

Have a look around the web app. The developer has left themselves a note indicating that there is sensitive data in a specific directory.

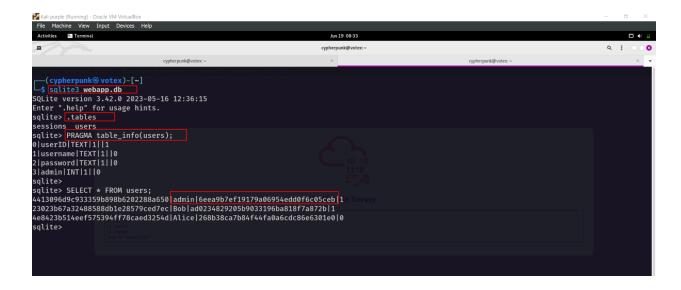
- a. What is the name of the mentioned directory?
 - From the comments, the directory is /assets



b. Navigate to the directory you found in question one. What file stands out as being likely to contain sensitive data?

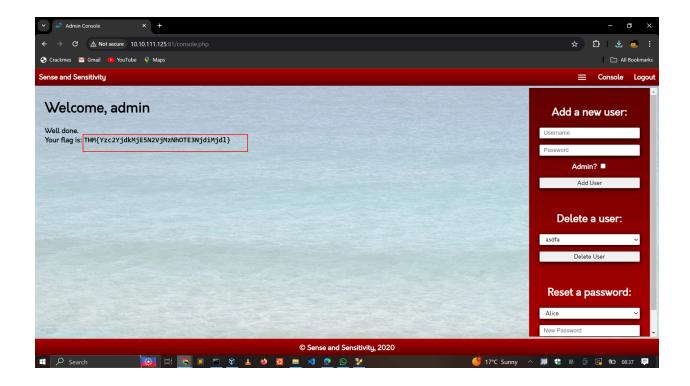


c. Use the supporting material to access the sensitive data. What is the password hash of the admin user?



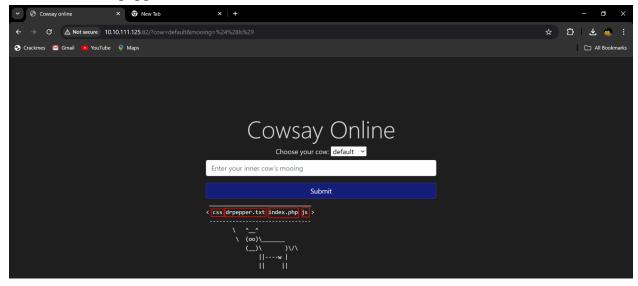
- What is the admin's plaintext password? qwertyuiop
- Log in as the admin. What is the flag? THM{Yzc2YjdkMjE5N2VjMzNhOTE3NjdiMjdl}





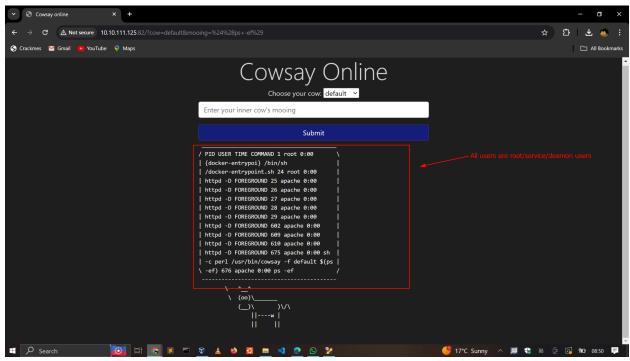
3. INJECTION

- a. What strange text file is in the website's root directory?
 - From the input text \$(ls), we can list some files and identify the strange text file as **drpepper.txt**



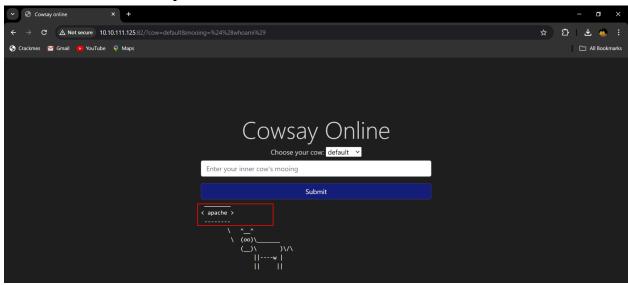
- b. How many non-root/non-service/non-daemon users are there?
 - With the input \$(ps -ef), we get the output below.

- From the screenshot below, we can see that all users are either root/service/daemon users.
- Answer = 0

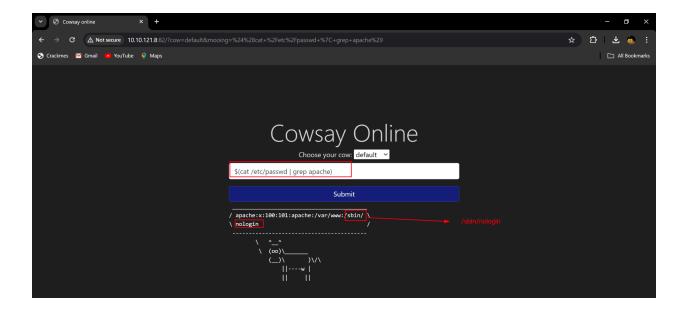


c. What user is this app running as?

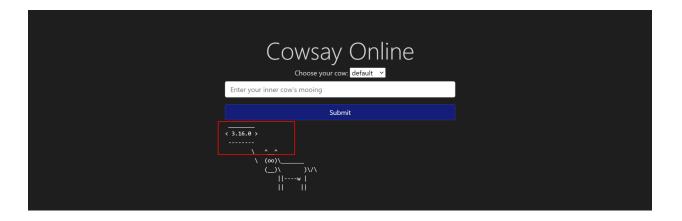
- \$(whoami) will output the user running the app as shown below.
- Answer = apache



d. What is the user's shell set as?



- e. What version of Alpine Linux is running?
 - We can view the version from the file /etc/alpine-release by injecting the command \$(cat /etc/alpine-release)
 - Answer = 3.16.0

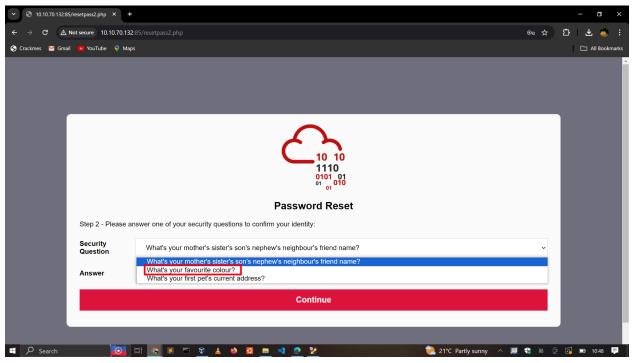


4. INSECURE DESIGN

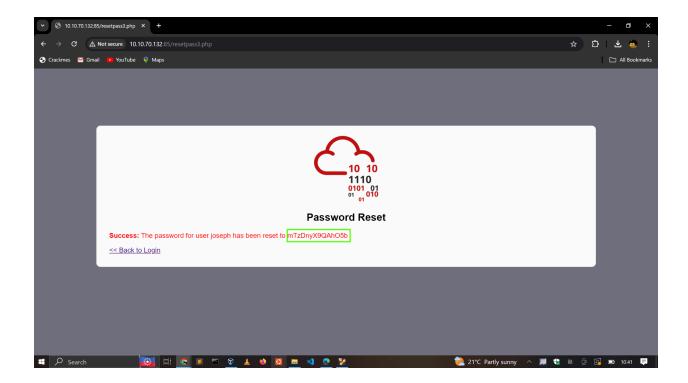
This application also has a design flaw in its password reset mechanism. Can you figure out the weakness in the proposed design and how to abuse it?

- a. Try to reset joseph's password. Keep in mind the method used by the site to validate if you are indeed joseph.
 - We notice that password reset requires us to answer one of the security questions as shown below.

- The fist and the last are quite hard to guess but the second one we at least knw we can start with ROYGBIV.
- ROYGBIV is the most popular color sequence of colors and most people would choose from that.

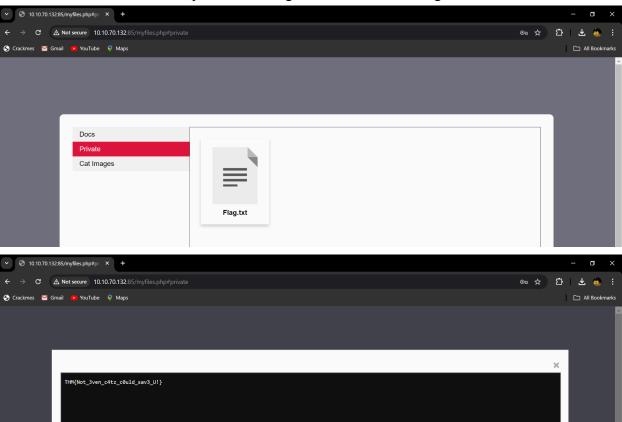


- Trying multiple variations of ALL CAPS and ALL SMALL cases we find that **green** is the correct answer.
- The flaw lies in the design of the reset functionality because the developer didn't take into account to limit the number of tries to the security question.



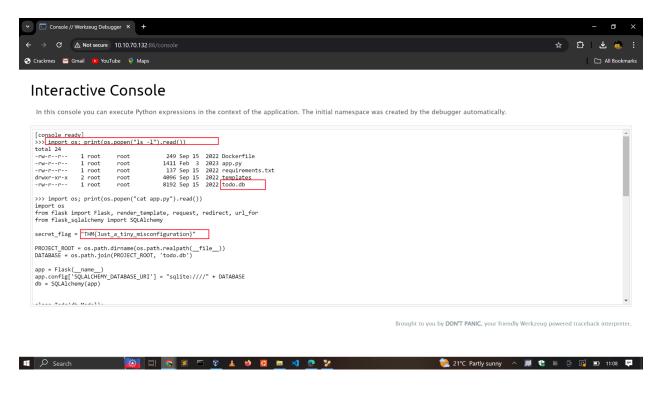
b. What is the value of the flag in joseph's account?

• We can use the password to log in and retrieve the flag.



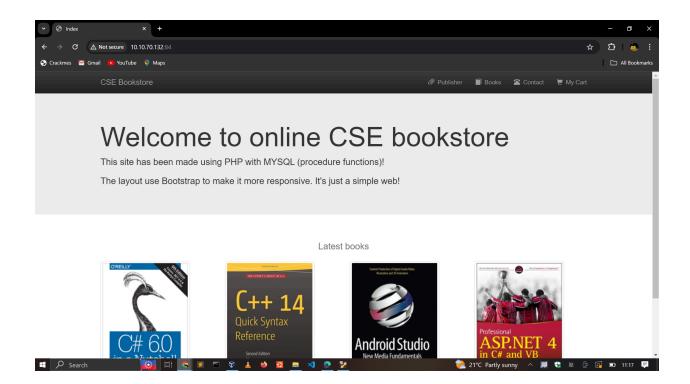
5. SECURITY MISCONFIGURATION

- a. Use the Werkzeug console to run the following Python code to execute the ls -l command on the server: What is the database file name (the one with the .db extension) in the current directory?
 - todo.db
- b. Modify the code to read the contents of the app.py file, which contains the application's source code. What is the value of the secret_flag variable in the source code?

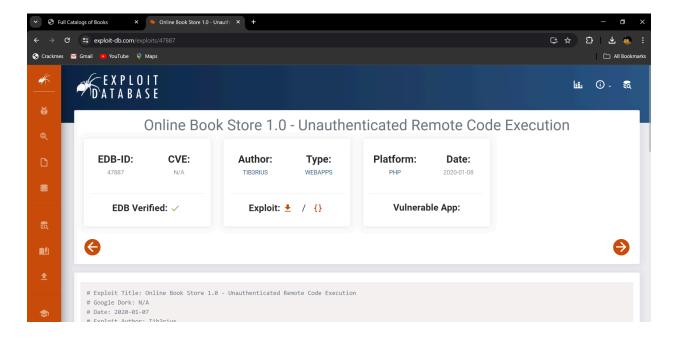


6. VULNERABLE AND OUTDATED COMPONENTS

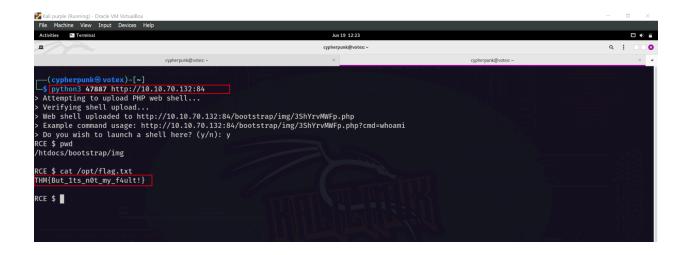
- a. What is the content of the /opt/flag.txt file?
 - From the homepage, we see it's an online bookstore application



• After a thorough research online for any online bookstore exploits i found the Unauthenticated Remote Code Execution exploit below.



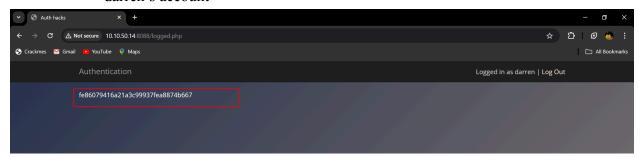
• Download it. Run it. Get a shell. Retrieve the flag.



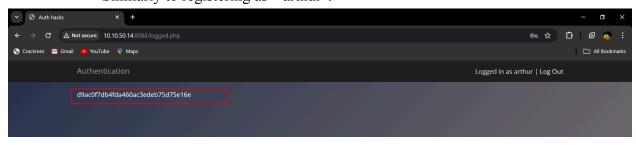
7. IDENTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION FAILURES

...try to register with darren as your username. You'll see that the user already exists, so try to register "darren" instead, and you'll see that you are now logged in and can see the content present only in darren's account, which in our case, is the flag that you need to retrieve.

- a. What is the flag that you found in darren's account?
 - After registering as "darren" i was able to login and see content present in darren's account

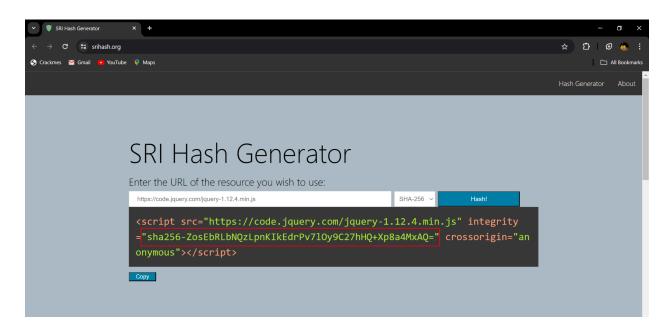


- b. Now try to do the same trick and see if you can log in as arthur. What is the flag that you found in arthur's account?
 - Similarly to registering as "arthur".



8. SOFTWARE AND DATA INTEGRITY FAILURES

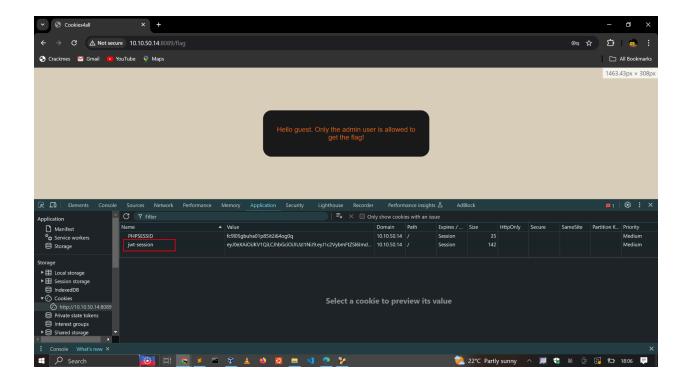
a. What is the SHA-256 hash of https://code.jquery.com/jquery-1.12.4.min.js?



- b. Try logging into the application as guest. What is guest's account password?
 - Uses default credentials guest:guest
 - Answer = guest

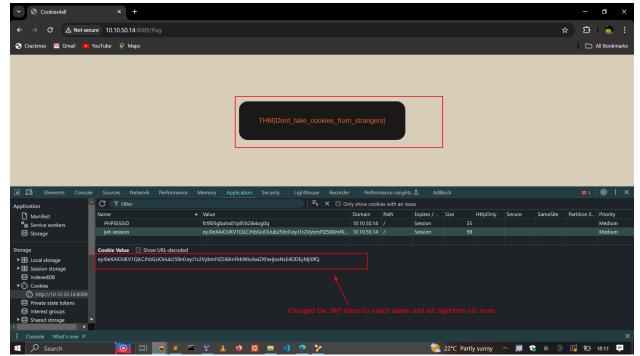
If your login was successful, you should now have a JWT stored as a cookie in your browser. Press F12 to bring out the Developer Tools. Depending on your browser, you will be able to edit cookies from the following tabs:

c. What is the name of the website's cookie containing a JWT token?



Use the knowledge gained in this task to modify the JWT token so that the application thinks you are the user "admin".

- d. What is the flag presented to the admin user?
 - After changing the JWT token header section and set the alg key to none, the payload section setting the user guest to admin and discardin the signature part i was able to gain session as admin and retrieve the flag.



9. SECURITY LOGGING AND MONITORING FAILURES

The task was to analyze a sample log file

- a. What IP address is the attacker using?
 - The attacker IP is 49.99.13.16 because it is the one which is suspicious. It tries to access high privilege users while getting response code 401 Unauthorized.
- b. What kind of attack is being carried out?
 - This ia Brute Force attack becase the attacker tries multiple usernames to gain access to the system.



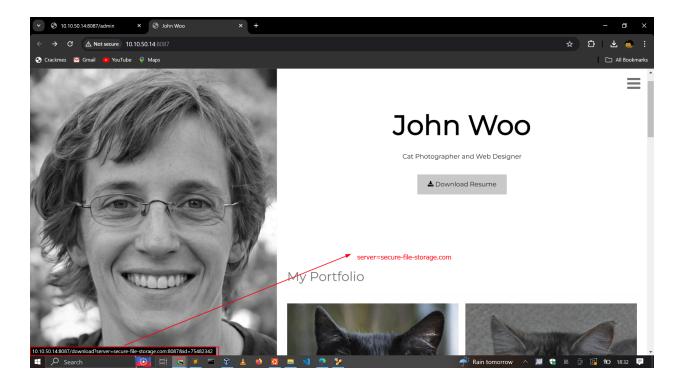
10. SERVER SIDE REQUEST FORGERY

Navigate to http://MACHINE_IP:8087/, where you'll find a simple web application. After exploring a bit, you should see an admin area, which will be our main objective. Follow the instructions on the following questions to gain access to the website's restricted area!

- a. Explore the website. What is the only host allowed to access the admin area?
 - When trying to access the Admin Area from the navigational links, we get a warning that the interface is only available from **localhost**.



- b. Check the "Download Resume" button. Where does the server parameter point to?
 - If we hover over the "Download Resume" button, we can see a tooltip below with the link that the button reference to.
 - We can also see the same from viewin the source code.
 - Answer: server=secure-file-storage.com

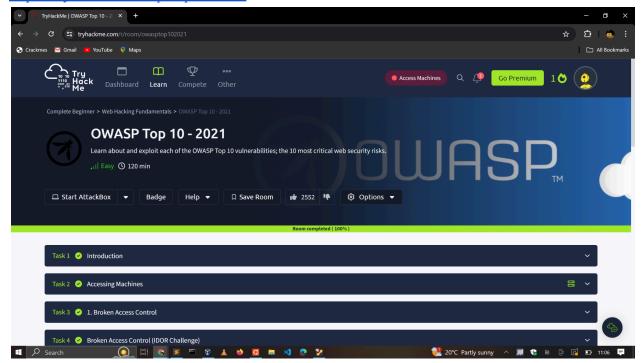


- c. Using SSRF, make the application send the request to your AttackBox instead of the secure file storage. Are there any API keys in the intercepted request?
 - Accessed the full link referenced by the "Download Resume" Button
 - Changed the **server** parameter value to the IP address of my attack machine(tun0)
 - Set a netcat listener on port 80.
 - This will intercept the request and expose the API Key as shown below.



3. MODULE COMPLETION

https://tryhackme.com/p/c1ph3rbnuk



4. CONCLUSION

This assignment has taught me a lot about the top most critical vulnerabilities in web applications. I have learned how to exploit vulnerabilities like IDOR, weak cryptographic implementations, Command Injection, Design flaws, Vulnerable components, Authentication failures and SSRF. The knowledge that I have gained from this room will help me as a security analyst identify these weaknesses and advise on mitigation strategies.